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1. RECEIVED MESSAGE TODAY FROM OFFICIALS OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES THAT J.W. FOSS, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TIRE COMPANY, WILL NOT RPT NOT BE VISITING BUCHAREST AS MEMBER OF U.S. SECTION OF JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL. WE ARE TOLD THAT MINISTER FLORESCU IS CONCERNED OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE HE PLANS TO MAKE SECOND PHASE OF GENERAL TIRE CONTRACT CENTERPIECE OF HIS MINISTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO "CONCRETE" REAULTS ROMANIANS ARE LOOKING FOR FROM FIRST COUNCIL SESSION. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL GENERAL TIRE REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL TIRE AGENT THAT THIS CONTRACT COULD RUN AS HIGH AS 100 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. MINISTER FLORESCU CONSIDERS FOSS' PRESENCE ESSENTIAL AHD HAS ALREADY PLANNED MEETINGS FOR FOSS WITH ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP FOLLOW-ING SIGNING HERE OF FRAMEWORK CONTRACT. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT GENERAL TIRE EXECUTIVES TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ATTACH TO CONCLUSION OF MAJOR CONTRACTS DURING COUNCIL SESSION, AND URGE THAT FOSS DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ATTEND COUNCIL SESSION. PLEASE CABLE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN TRANSMIT RESPONSE TO MINISTER FLORESCU.
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